

St. John Vianney Catholic Parish

St. Paschal Catholic Parish

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2026

Welcome!

To make St. John Vianney or St. Paschal your parish home, register with the office or online!

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Deadline is noon Monday

SJV Parish School 509-926-7987
Principal: Janelle Turcotte
Office Manager: Nichole McGarry
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SP Educare 509-922-7616
Director: Mary Jo Paschall

Prayer Chains
SJV: Jayne Seaboldt 509-921-0945
If unavailable: Mary McLeslie 509-926-0460
SP: Rosalie Thompson 509-443-7268

Assistance Program
If you need assistance with food, utilities, or prescriptions, please call the SJV office Tues.—Thurs., 9 a.m. to noon

Catholic Family Service Counseling
Call the Diocesan Office 509-242-2308

SJV & SP Parish & Finance Council Members

SJV Parish Council:
Ric Wesselman (Chair), Greg Takisaki, Angie Nordhus, Ruth Ann Pfeifer, Sue Kappen, Mark Sullivan

SJV Finance Council:
Erik Wakeling (Chair), Barbara Ewers, Nick Durgan, Cathy Suda, Greg Takisaki

SP Parish Council:
Kathy Foreman, Fred Meyer, Joan Dunn, Emily Klein, Lori Sullivan, Tom Lutyens

SP Finance Council:
Bill Trudeau (Chair), Fred Meyer, Carmen Ballard



Mass Times:

SJV: Daily Mass Tuesday - Friday at 8:15 a.m.
Sat. Vigil 4 p.m.
Sun., 10 a.m.

SP: Sun. 8 a.m.

Eucharistic Home Visits

If you are homebound or ill, and want to receive Holy Communion, please call the office.

Eucharistic Exposition for Adoration

SJV: Wed. 9a.m. - 5p.m.
2:30 p.m. — 3:30 pm Every First Saturday is
Holy Hour for Vocations
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Every Last Saturday is
Holy Hour for SJV School

SP: Tuesdays 5-6 p.m.

Confessions By appointment, and regularly at:

SJV: Sat. 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

SP: Tuesdays 5-6 p.m.

Sacraments of Baptism & Holy Matrimony

Parents seeking baptism for their child should fill out a baptism request form on our website 3 months before intended baptism date. Engaged couples should contact the office 6 months before the intended wedding date to begin marriage preparation.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Interested in becoming Catholic, or want to ask about our OCIA program? Please call Mike Heywood, 509-999-8374 or Sue Manfred, 509-230-2695.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The St. John Vianney Catholic Church family seeks to:

- grow in our faith
- proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ
- serve the people of God

Office: (509) 926-5428 SJV / SP

Mailing Address: P.O.Box 141125, Spokane Valley, WA 99214

SJV Location: 503 North Walnut Road / SP Location: 2521 North Park Road

Website: www.sjvchurch.org / Email: sjv@dioceseofspokane.org / Facebook: StJohnVianneyCatholic

LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday Aug. 22	SJV		
Lectors	Lisa T.	Dan B.	
EMs	Mary J.	Carol C.	Deacon Don
Sunday Aug. 23			
Lectors	Bradley S.	Brandon B.	
EMs	Bonnie H.	Dan H.	Deacon Don
Sunday Aug. 23	SP		
Lector	Fred M.		

Stewardship Report - SJV

08/09/26	Collected	Budgeted	YTD Collected	YTD Budget	Difference
Offertory:	\$ 3,949	\$ 8,077	\$ 36,823	\$ 48,462	\$ 11,639
Assistance	\$ 505		\$ 3,343		
Building	\$ 435		\$ 5,692		
School:	\$ 300		\$ 2,140		

Stewardship Report - SP

08/09/26	Collected	Budgeted	YTD Collected	YTD Budget	Difference
Offertory:	\$ 1,559	\$ 1,629	\$ 13,060	\$ 9,773	\$ 3,287
Assistance	\$ 70		\$ 400		
Building	\$ 65		\$ 674		
Fuel	\$ 65		\$ 130		
School:	\$ -		\$		

MASS INTENTIONS

	Offered For	Requested By
Tue	+ Henry Humbert AD	Dave & Shelly Humbert
Wed	+ Verne Ballard AD	Carmen Ballard
Thu	+ John Humbert AD	Dave & Shelly Humbert
Fri		
Sat	+ Maria Delger	Donna June Kellams
Sun	8 am People of SP	
	10 am People of SJV	

If Mass is ever canceled, please know that the intention will be offered in the next available Mass.

Sept. 18, 6 pm - Sept. 19, 7 pm



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SJV Strategic Plan

If you were unable to attend one of our focus group meetings, you can still provide your feedback on the future of St. John Vianney. Visit our website at <https://sjvchurch.org/strategic-planning>. Complete, print and return the survey to the office.

2nd collection for the Assistance Fund- THIS WEEK



SJV PARISH PICNIC



September 13 after 10 a.m. Mass

This is a great time to come together as a community and enjoy food, friends and fun!

To make this happen, we need help with setup, food prep, music, serving and clean up. We also need to bring the tables and chairs from the gym to the picnic area and back to the gym.

If you are able to help, please contact Deacon Don at 907-717-5495 or servanheartak15@gmail.com

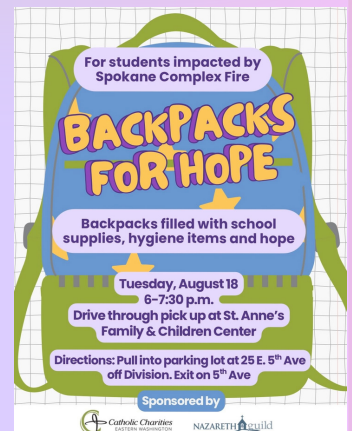
Immaculate Heart of Mary

This August, celebrate the Immaculate Heart of Mary by:



- Praying the Rosary
- Making a Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Reflecting on the Seven Sorrows of Mary

The Nazareth Guild and Office of Education, through Nazareth Guild's Faith Through the Fire initiative, we are coming together as one to provide school supplies for Catholic school children whose families have lost so much.



Nazareth Guild will collect the items and prepare backpacks on Monday & Tuesday.

To help pack the backpacks, contact Nazareth Guild: info@nazarethguild.org or call 509-744-3259

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Sunday Reflection

Persistent Prayer; rooted in Love, Faith, and Humility

Friends, last Sunday one of our major points of reflection was the importance of prayer. This we saw when Jesus created time to be by himself on the mountain to pray. Prayer was the means through which He stayed rooted in the Father's love. Today, the Gospel shifts from simply being able to or making the time to pray and puts an emphasis on persistent prayer. This is exemplified by a Canaanite woman; an outsider, a foreigner, someone with no claim on Israel's promises who approaches Jesus with a desperate plea on behalf of her daughter. Her prayer is persistent and shaped by love, faith, and humility, the three virtues that make prayer powerful and transformative.

Her story begins with deep love because the woman is not praying for herself. She is praying for her daughter who's tormented by a demon. Love is what drives her to seek Jesus. Love is what gives her courage to cross cultural and religious boundaries. Love is what keeps her standing before Him even when He is silent. Many of us know this kind of prayer; the prayer of a parent who refuses to stop praying for a child, the prayer of a spouse who carries the burdens of the other, the prayer of a community interceding for someone who is suffering. Simply put, **Love is the engine that drives persistent prayer**. When we pray out of love, we do not give up easily.

But love alone is not enough. Her persistence is also fueled by **faith; the confidence that God can do it**. She believes something extraordinary: She believes He can heal her daughter even though she is a Gentile, even though she has no standing among the chosen people. She believes Jesus' power is bigger than boundaries, bigger than culture, bigger than religion, bigger than her own unworthiness. Faith keeps her from walking away when Jesus does not answer her immediately. Faith keeps her kneeling when the disciples try to dismiss her. Faith keeps her responding when Jesus tests her. And Jesus sees it, names it, and honors it: "*Woman, great is your faith.*" This is one of the highest compliments He gives anyone in the Gospels.

And then there is her **humility; the posture that lets God act**. Perhaps this is the most striking part of her prayer. When Jesus says, "*It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs,*" His words echo the cultural prejudice of the time. But she does not react with pride or offense.

She does not storm off or defend herself. Instead, she answers with humility: "*Even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table.*" This is not self-degradation but rather spiritual clarity. She knows she is not entitled to anything, but she trusts that God's mercy overflows even to those on the margins. By these words, she is declaring her confidence that even a scrap of Jesus' grace is enough to give her the healing she desires for her daughter. Humility opens her heart to receive what God desires to give.

And lastly, this brings us to the part of the Gospel that troubles many hearts: Why would Jesus speak that way to this woman? In truth, Jesus is not insulting her but revealing her. He is drawing out the depth of her love. He is allowing her faith to shine. He draws out her humility so the disciples can see it. And He is giving the disciples and us a living example of what persistent prayer looks like. He exposes their narrow thinking and overturns it. He shows that faith not ethnicity, status, or background is what gives access to God's mercy. He is showing the disciples that the Kingdom is bigger than they imagined. He is teaching that faith can be found in unexpected places. His difficult words become the stage on which her humility, faith, and love are revealed. And once they are revealed, Jesus responds with overflowing compassion.

The Canaanite woman therefore, teaches us that persistent prayer is not about convincing God. It is about letting God shape our hearts until we can receive what He desires to give. God's silence is never rejection, His delays are never indifference, and His tests are never meant to discourage us, but to deepen our trust. So, this week, I invite you to choose one intention that truly matters; one person, one need, one wound, and pray for it with love, faith, and humility. Like the Canaanite woman, let your prayer be the kind that refuses to give up, because it is rooted in love; refuses to lose hope, because it is grounded in faith; and refuses to demand, because it is shaped by humility.



SCHOOL NEWS

Back to School is August 27! 

We look forward to welcoming our students and families back for another wonderful school year. For more information about our school, programs, and important back-to-school details, please visit our website at st.johnvianney.com and share it with additional families!

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Join in prayer to intercede for the lives of the unborn. Prayer of the Rosary held outside of Planned Parenthood in the Valley every Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. Questions? Contact Mary Riehle at 509-995-5575.

PARISH DIRECTORY

We are putting together a Parish directory for St John Vianney and St. Paschal parishes. We want to include you!

PHOTO DATES: September 23 & 24

Photos are by appointment only. To make photo appointment

- Visit the website <https://www.sjvchurch.org/news> or

- Register before or after Mass August 22 & 23

All photos will be at the SJV Kathy Reisenauer Parish Hall.

Please plan for an hour to cover photography and photo review/selection.

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